THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The total number of registered motor vehicles in the country, as per latest information available from the State Governments/UTs was 5.89 crores, as on 31st March, 2002.

(b) and (c) The Union Government is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. There are capacity constraints in some of the National Highways. Steps have been taken for widening of existing National Highways to 4/6-lanes under National Highways Development Project (NHDP), in a phased manner. Further, the widening and construction of paved shoulders on National Highways, not covered under NHDP, is also taken up on selected stretches, depending upon priority of work and overall availability of funds.

National Highways in States

4619. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) the details of guidelines fixed for construction of National Highways by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have recently approved the various proposals for construction of National Highways in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of amount sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh for construction of NHs;

(e) whether Government have received any proposal from the above States for construction of National Highways; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Presumably Hon'ble Member wants to know about criteria for declaration of new National Highways. The criteria for declaration of National Highways is given in Statement -1 (See below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. in February 2004, the Government had declared 7457 km of State Roads as National Highway. The State-wise details are given in Statement-ll *(See* below).

(d) The details of funds allocated to Uttar pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradeswh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh for development of National Highways during the year 2004-05 are given in Statement-Ill (See below)

(e) and (f) After February 2004, out of the above mentioned States, the Government of India has received 7 numbers of proposals for an aggregate length of about 943 km, only from Uttar Pradesh State for declaration of new National Highways.

Statement-I

Criteria for Declaration of National Highways

1. Roads which run through the length and breadth of the country.
2. Roads connecting adjacent countries.
3. Roads connecting the National Capital with State Capital and roads connecting mutually the State Capitals.
4. Roads connecting major ports, large industrial centres or tourist centers.
5. Roads meeting very important strategic requirements.
6. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby.
7. Roads which held opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions.
8. National Highways grid of 100 Km is achieved.
9. The road must be up to the standard laid down for State Highways—both in Its technical requirements well as the land requirements.
10. The road and right of way must be free of any type of encroachment and should be the property of the State Government.
11. The right of way required for the National Highways (preferably 45m, minimum 30m) must be available for acquiring, free of encroachments and the State Government would complete acquiring formalities within six months.

Statement-ll

Newly Declared National Highways in February, 2004

SI. No.	State	National Highway No.	Stretch Length (km)	Approx.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	NH 214 A	Digamarru - Ongole	255
		NH 221	Kondapalli-Konta	155
		NH 222	Maharashtra border-Nirmal	60
2	Bihar	NH 57 A	Forbesganj - Jogbani	15
		NH 28 B	Chhapwa - Uttar Pradesh Border	121
		NH 110	Arwal - Biharsharif	89
3	Chhattisgarh	NH 111	Bilaspur - Ambikapur	200 From
		NH 221	Andhra Pradesh Border -	174 Jagadalpur
4	Gujarat	NH 8A Extension	Narayan Sarovar - Mandvi	145
		NH 8E Extension	Dwarka - Somnath	225 From
		NH 113	Rajasthan border - Dahod	40
5	Haryana	NH 73 A	Yamuna Nagar - Himachal Pradesh border Rewari - Rajasthan border	42 69
6	Himachal Pradesh	NH 73 A	Haryana border- Paontasahib	20
7	Jharkhand	NH 75 Extension	Ranchi - Orissa border	202
8	Karnataka	NH 218 Extension	Bijapur - Homnabad	223 Tamil
		NH 67 Extension	Nadu border - Gundlupet	50
9	Madhya Pradesh	NH 86 A	Rahatgarh - Raisen	131
		NH 12A Extension	Jabalpur - Uttar Pradesh border	330 Sagar
		NH 26 A	- Bina	75
10	Maharashtra	NH 222	Kalyan -Andhra Pradesh border	550
11	Manipur	NH 155	From Nagaland Border - Jessami	5
12	Meghalaya	NH 44 Extension	Shillong - Nongstoin	93
13	Nagaland	NH 155	Mokokchung - Manipur border	125
14	Orissa	NH 224	Khurda - Balangir	298 Purl -
		NH 203 A	Satpada	49 Puri - Konark
		NH 203 Extension	38 From Jharkhand border - Parsora	18
		NH 75 Extension		
15	Rajasthan	NH 113	Nimahera - Gujarat border	200 Bar -
		NH 112	Barmer	343 Jodhpur -
		NH 114	Pokaran	180 Tonk -
		NH 116	Swaimadhopur	80 Lalsot -
		NH 11 B	Dhaulpur	180 From Haryana
		NH 71 B	border near Dharuhera (Haryana) - Taoru (Haryana)	5

1	2	3	4	5
16	Tamil Nadu	NH 45 C	Thanjavur - Ulunderpettai	159
		NH 47 B	Nagercoil - Kavalkinaru	45
		NH 67 Extension	Coimbatore - Karnataka border	148
		NH 45 Extension	Dindigul - Teni	73
17	Uttaranchal	NH 123	Vikasnagar - Barkot bend	95 From
		NH 119	Uttar Pradesh border - Srinagar	135 Kashipur -
		NH 121	Bubakhal	252 Nainital - Kama
		NH 87 Extension	Prayag	233 Sitarganj - Pithoragarh
		NH 125		201
18	Uttar Pradesh	NH 119	Meerut - Uttaranchal border	125
		NH 91 A	Etawah - Kannauj	126
		NH 76 Extension	Allahabad - Mirzapur	120
		NH 28 C	Barabanki - Nepalganj	140
		NH 29 Extension	Gorakhpur - Sonauli	110 From
		NH 28 B .	Bihar border - Kushinagar in	29 Uttar
		NH 12 A Extension	Pradesh From Madhya Pradesh border - Jhansi	7
19	West Bengal	NH 60 Extension	Raniganj - Moregram	141
		NH 60 A	Bankura - Puruliya	100 Kona
		NH 117	Expressway - Bakkhali	133
20	Andaman & Nicobar islands	NH 223	The Andaman Trunk Road	300

Statement III

Details of Allocation for Development of National Highways During 2004-05

SI. No	State	Allocation for Development During 2004-05 (Rs. in Crore)
1	Bihar	79.51
2	Chhattisgarh	36.26
3	Himachal Pradesh	45.00
4	Jharkhand	35.00
5	Madhya Pradesh	94.90
6	Uttar Pradesh	186.43
7'	Uttaranchal	28.44

Note: The allocation for development of National Highways includes allocation under National Highways (Original) [NH(O)] and funds from Permanent Bridge Fee Fund (PBFF).